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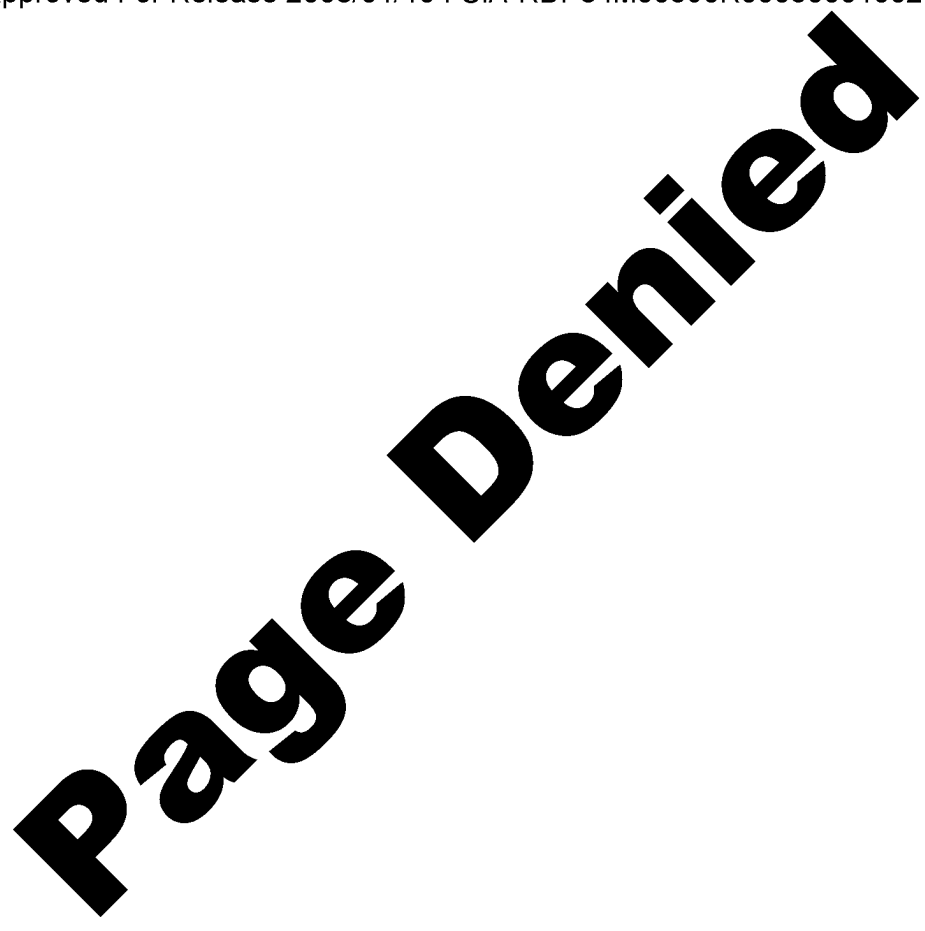

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [redacted] 25X1
Office of Assessment and Evaluation

SUBJECT: OA&E Participation in [redacted] Study 25X1

1. I met with [redacted] on 22 September 1982 to discuss the 25X1
approach to be used in interviewing analysts for the [redacted] SIGINT 25X1
evaluation. I said that OA&E objectives in doing this study were subordinate to those of OSC, but we want to be a full partner in this evaluation and to integrate the questions and data of the tear-sheet evaluation forms into the interview format. [redacted] 25X1

2. [redacted] agreed that it was important to establish how the analyst 25X1
uses COMINT; i.e., I&W, finished intelligence, operational decisions and planning; and to establish the importance of COMINT in such use. She had some concern about the taxonomy to be used in eliciting judgments about the SIGINT contribution to those functions serviced by SIGINT reporting on a requirement. I said there were major gains to be made by expressing the analysts' judgments about SIGINT contribution in the same terms that are used in the NSRS. She agreed but said she did not want to put words in the analysts mouths. We agreed that we would try in the interviews to elicit analysts' judgments using the NSRS categories of Key, Substantial and Supplemental. [redacted] 25X1

3. [redacted] expressed concern over the large quantities of COMINT 25X1
produced on three of the countries. I suggested that since there was no way to get a representative sample of COMINT product against these countries, that we simply take a two-month list of product titles, and the COMINT products products that were cited in the NID with us during the interview to serve as memory joggers if needed by the analysts. This would not reflect DIA and State citations but would probably serve the purpose at those agencies as well. [redacted] 25X1

4. I briefed the results of my latest statistical analysis to her and showed the computer listing of my data on the [redacted] I 25X1
could provide such a briefing during our interviews and to provide a display showing how reporting on [redacted] requirements compared with all 25X1
requirements in the Third World Data Base. [redacted] 25X1

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5. It was agreed that at the end of the interviews, the tear-sheet/feedback tear-sheet proposal will be presented as a way in doing such evaluations more efficiently in the future, to get their reactions. The analysts will also be asked if adding the SIGINT contribution rating to the product would be useful for sorting out the useful reports from the large number they receive (especially in crisis situations). The interviews may include SIRVES Committee members and an NSA representative if they wish to participate. [redacted] 25X1

6. In summary, I believe OA&E and OSC have developed a consolidated approach for accomplishing our mutual objectives. We will meet with [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] next week to discuss this project, and take care of last minute 25X1
details before getting underway. [redacted] 25X1
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